



November 2020

## ABRF Chapters - Virtual Events, Valuable Content

During the COVID-19 crisis, **ABRF Regional Chapters** continue to offer helpful content and connections for core facilities professionals. Highlights of ABRF Chapter events include:



### MAD SSCI

- **Monthly "Let's Do Lunch" Events** - interactive discussions on operating Core facilities, including challenges related to ramping up services and standardizing protocols
- **Coming in 2021 - [Building a Better Core: Best Practices for Shared Resources - A Meeting in 12 parts](#)**



**MWACD:**

- [Systemic Racism in STEM and Considerations for Shared Resource Facilities](#)
- [User training during COVID-19: Strategies and Discussions for Core Facility Staff](#)



**NERLSCD 2020 - Four Days of Virtual Engagement**

This week-long series of events combined plenary topics on responding to the COVID crisis to focused breakout sessions on Core Administration, Flow Cytometry, Genomics, Imaging, and Bioinformatics. Nearly 200 registrants heard from research community leaders as well as key corporate partners to learn more about Core activities in the current environment.



## [SEASR](#)

**Virtual Events:** [May -September 2020](#)

Topics ranged from connecting with and serving customers during the COVID-19 crisis to managing personnel and best practices for reopening Core Facilities



## [WACD](#)

**Upcoming Event - Adapting to Changes in Training: One Size Does NOT Fit All**

*Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 - 2:30 pm PT*

*This session will be moderated by WACD President **Diane Miller** MSc, PMP (Associate Director, Sequencing and Bioinformatics Consortium, University of British Columbia) and will feature three different views on this topic from Administrative and Core Science perspectives.*

***Ben Abrams**, Ph.D. Director of the Life Science Microscopy Facility at the University of California at Santa Cruz.*

***Claudia Bispo**, MSc. Associate Director of Flow Cytometry at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center*

**Julie Auger**, Executive Director Core Research Facilities Program at the University of California Davis.

Thank you for your continued participation in ABRF.

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